

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

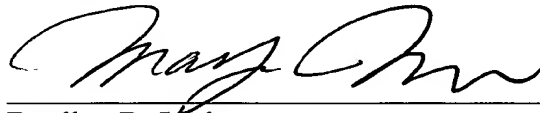
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-18 were allowed. However, Figures 11A and 11B were objected to because of informalities.

In response to the objection, submitted herewith is a separate LETTER SUBMITTING DRAWING REPLACEMENT SHEET(S), submitting for approval of correction to Figs. 11A and 11B. Figs. 11A and 11B have been designated by a legend "Background Art". Accordingly, the noted informalities have been corrected herewith.

In light of the prior indication of condition for allowance, and in view of the amendment presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and thus the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early action favorable to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 11A and 11B. This sheet, which includes Figs. 11A and 11B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 11A and 11B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)